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Application No. 09/032,893) Examiner: Cheryl A. Juska
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ETHYLENE POLYMER CARPET,)
CARPET BACKING AND METHOD)
FOR MAKING SAME)

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Also enclosed for the Examiner's consideration are four Office Actions rejecting the claims of co-pending U.S. patent application numbers: 11/193,277; 10/418,227; 10/838,426; and 10/719,389, referenced above. These Office Actions were mailed on August 7, 2006; December 5, 2005; December 2, 2005; and December 23, 2005, respectively.

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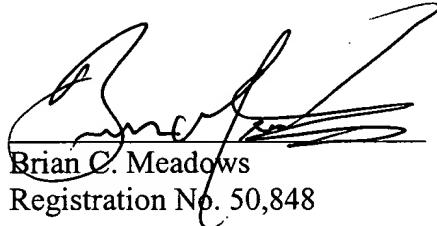
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Consideration of the cited documents and making the same of record in the prosecution
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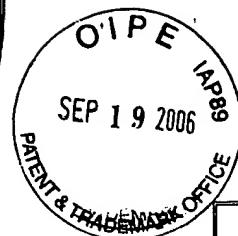
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